

## REMARKS

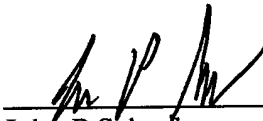
In the specification, the first paragraph has been amended to cross-reference the related applications.

Claim 1 remains in this application. Claims 2-27 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests in view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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